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## REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

## Status of Claims

Claims 12, 13, 17-20 and 28-54 are pending in the application. Claims 12-13 have been allowed. Claims 18 and 20 have been objected to. Claims 28-54 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 17 and 19 have been rejected. Claims 18 and 20 have been amended.

Claims 17 and 19 have been canceled without prejudice. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicant reserves all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

## Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that Claims 18 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 18 and 20 have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claims (Claims 17 and 18, respectively) and any intervening claims.

## CLAIM REJECTIONS

### 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Bourmeyster et al. and Bourk, further in view of Davidson, Jr. et al., US Patent No. 4025724.

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As Claims 17 and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice, these rejections are now moot.

It should be noted that all the amendments and cancellations, in the present communication and in all previous communications, have been made in the interest of expediting the allowance of this application. Applicant reserves his rights in all the subject matter disclosed of the originally filed application, and any amendments made to date on any of the originally filed claims should be considered to be in response to prior art cited by the Examiner. Thus, Applicant reserves his right to file a continuation application with claims having the same or broader scope as those filed with the present application.

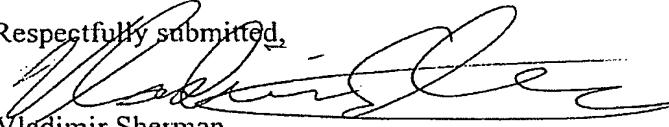
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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